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Editor's Note

Rocky was skipping his way to class, a clear break from his typical stoic self. It was his birthday, and he could barely contain himself. He was finally 18. Eighteen. An adult, and it was about time. Nothing feels worse than being a 17 year old in college, especially to a newly-minted 18 year old. While turning 18 in college can feel like you're late to your own birthday party, he is just thankful that he is not like Russell Williams, the man on the news who had to wait 72 years to have his 18th birthday.

Bored in spanish class, Rocky writes down different ways he can subtly work his adulthood into conversation. Maybe he'd pull a "when I was a kid" or try to talk about the stock market. (Or would an adult call it the stock broker? Are those the same thing?). There are so many things he has to learn as an adult! How does sex work? How do you register for the draft?

Estás prestando atención?

"Actually, it's Usted now. Tengo 18 años ahora!" He proclaims to his Spanish teacher, who does not find his request as mature as he would have hoped. Embarrassed, he returns to his list, determined to finish it before his lunch plans with the Athenian Crew.

Sitting around eating lunch in the Athenian office, the crew discusses the best way to celebrate his new adulthood. Someone proposed he visit the adult video store in Coventry, but Xin strongly warned against that.

Another possibility: Finally doing the nasty. Yes, that nasty: watching anime. Instead, Erin suggests that he get a tinder and look to do the less-nasty (and mutually exclusive with watching anime, Erin warns): find a hookup. While it may seem like a rite of passage to be rejected by a lesbian, Tinder would help him avoid being rejected in public. Alternatively, Rhi suggests he should download SeekingArrangement, and find himself a sugar daddy. Anyone that can afford to live in One University Circle instead of Storrs Hall is probably someone worth spending time with. Before I can do any of this, Rocky thinks, I need to figure out how to use a pickup line.

Elizabeth was very disappointed to learn that Rocky was considering such horrible actions, and suggested he attend the BDSM (Bible Discussion and Study Meeting) club to return to a more biblical way of thinking. Rocky agreed with the sentiment, noting that he had recently begun to cuss like a motherfucker. Instead, he has an alternative proposal. The gang leans across the table to listen as he lowers his voice.

Maybe, just maybe, as an adult, I should start being responsible and plan the next Athenian issue. After all, it is the Athenian's 18th birthday too.

Happy 18th Birthday to the Athenian. Circ. 2000 - 2019.

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Beauty Tips to Get Kids' Pricing

Rhiannon Reese

Now that I'm a semi-real adult, I've come to the realization that kids' pricing for everything is so much cheaper; kids' meals, kids' clothes, kids' tickets, etc. But also, because I'm short, I've learned that being able to look young is truly a godsend for my bank account. It took me a while to work out that if I just looked younger, businesses offered me the more cost-friendly price. Since then, I've honed in my beauty skills to save money. Here are just a few of the things that I've found have worked the best:

If you have hair long enough

for two braids, go for it. The double braid look is commonly seen as just for kids under 10. Bonus points if you tie them with either a brightly colored ribbon or a pastel hair tie.

Covering up your eyebags is a must. As an Adult™, there is no way you don't have eyebags. Get some cheap concealer that matches your skin color, and blend, blend, blend until the skin under your eyes is as bright as your smile is fake.

If your cup size is anything larger than AA, you might consider

breast reduction surgery. Let's be real, no one under the age of 12 has a cup size any larger than AA. If you really want to commit, this is the step that will really help you nail a youthful look.

Walk around with a brightly colored bag or kids' item that makes it impossible to call you an adult. Bonus points if you walk around with an iPad with a colorful silicone case.

Best of luck in scamming companies into giving you the better price for all of your purchases!

I ran into my parents at an adult video store

Xin Feng

As a kid raised in a large city like Chicago, I can count the number of times I've accidentally run into my parents while out and about on one finger--it's thankfully only ever happened once. But, recently when I was back home, I was at the adult film store down on Diversey when I ran into both of my parents. You know the one? Yeah, it's the seedy one that looks like a HAZMAT zone.

Anyways, I was browsing through the aisles, looking for something else to keep my mind off how lonely and single I was, when I thought I heard my dad's distinctive cough. I turned and looked, and there indeed, was a grey beret

talking to the clerk at the counter. I thought Nah, there is no way my dad would be at an adult video store; he's even picky about his World War II films.

I continued browsing through the store until I got to the history section. Of course, there were titles like Stalin's All In and Ol' George's Big Cherry Tree, but I was wondering if anything would pique my interest. I picked up a copy of Lewis & Clark Poke into Pocahontas when a voice behind me asked, "Wei, is that you? What you doing here?"

I spun around, still holding the DVD, and looked up only to see

my mom's face. My jaw dropped as I hastily tried to shove it back on the shelf.

I managed to stammer out, "Oh, um, I'm, uh, here, ah, to accompany a friend because she had to return ... a DVD" before I ran out of the store down all the way to Fullerton. My parents? The last people I wanted to see there just happened to there, one of the few days of the year I was home? The chances were so low it seemed too coincidental, especially since the store was at least three miles away from our house.... Dinner that night was going to be extremely awkward.

A Beginner's Guide to Cussing

Erin Hartmann

Whooppy-fucking-doo, you're finally 18! No, there is not a legal age at which you can cuss, but there is a legal age at which you do not technically have to listen to your parents when they tell you to watch your potty mouth. With that said, you may still be a beginner in the world of "creative" language. If your parents were lame as fuck and didn't let you cuss, or you were just reluctant to because of that little saying, 'respect your elders,' then you do not have the critical knowledge needed to use the appropriate cuss word in the correct situation. This guide will help guide you to a world in which you are no longer a naive dumbass.

Starting out slow:

1. Damn/hell/shit

While these are considered the "weak" cuss words, they can still be useful. "Damn," Jackie said as she realized she failed her physics test. "What the hell?" Daniel said as he opened his Den order to reveal they cheated him out of a mozzarella stick. "Shit," Riley said as she woke up at 12 p.m. instead of 8 a.m. All add emphasis to less-than-ideal situations. These are truly beginner cuss words that you can practice with to ease yourself into the game.

2. Smart ass

Used when someone thinks they're the shit. Often associated with extreme sarcasm in response to something stupid you said. Teachers at CWRU really like being called smart asses since it reinforces their high level of subject mastery, so try it out on your least favorite teacher to get on their good side.

Ex:

Person 1: "When can we go to the bathroom?"

Person 2: "Well we can go to the bathroom whenever, but we may go to the bathroom in five minutes."

Person 1: "I'll just piss on you, smart ass."

3. Dumbass

Used when your roommate is trying to get into the building by pushing a pull door. Or when your other friend forgets to bring a pencil to a Scantron test. A person lacking common sense. Often used to describe those who voted for Donald Trump.

Ex: "Harly just tried to start his car using his room key, that dumbass."

4. Cock sucker

Used to describe your roommate when you walk in on them and their boyfriend. Or can be used as a better, amplified alternative to "ass kisser." When you need letters of recommendation from your professors, this is a good thing to try. At least we're all at or above the age of consent.

Ex: "Those pre-meds are in her office hours again today? We literally had a test last class. Damn obnoxious cock suckers."

5. Dick head

Used when someone pulls an asshole move. Ideally used on males who theoretically have dicks. Useful when someone cuts in front of you while in line for Grab It. Useful when the staff at Leutner put out desserts that all contain raisins. Also useful when the Greenie driver completely skips your stop even though the bus wasn't full.

Ex: "Ryan only left me the burnt potato chips. That dick head."

6. Suck my ass

Can be considered synonymous to "kiss my ass," but the added dimension of the "suck" lets people question how and if that's possible. If you feel the need to flip someone off in a situation, you can "tell not show" by using this phrase. A perfect phrase for a water-bottle sticker.

Ex:

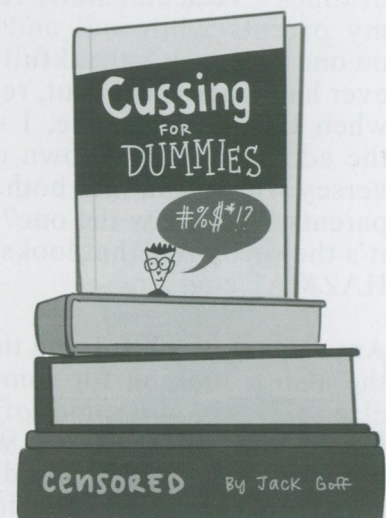
Person 1: "I can't believe you spit out that bite of salsa. It's not even spicy. Don't you know spitters are quitters?"

Person 2: "You can suck my ass!"

7. Motherfucker

Used when someone royally stabs you in the back, insults you or when you need a strong, general way to express your anger. Or, if the fucked up situation arises in which someone is quite literally, fucking their mother.

Ex: "They raised tuition again. Those motherfuckers."



First Day of BDSM Club: Is not Bible Discussion Study Meeting

Sophia Yakumithis

Cladden in leather, assless chaps and furry handcuffs secured onto his studded belt loop, first-year student Jason McClure was mildly surprised at what stood before him as he walked into the BDSM group's first meeting.

The Bible Discussion Study Meeting (BDSM) group's inaugural gathering was intended to be a laid back event featuring a welcome sermon from pastor John Carlisle. However, when McClure entered the room, several members of the group appeared to be visibly uncomfortable; one even fainted.

McClure said he felt embarrassed and did not intend to startle the group of young Christians. "I thought they meant, like, whips and chains," he said, "not psalms and sacraments."

Many BDSM participants were dressed in white polos or button down shirts with khaki pants. As such, McClure's sexy-twink appearance certainly stood out. While dress code is not a requirement for group members, the group's president said it is an "unspoken agreement." Church attire is therefore preferred amongst the homogenous, caucasian body which constitutes the BDSM group.

A normal agenda for the BDSM group involves praising Jesus, blessing wine, bread and performing holy communion. Chick Fil A is typically served as a refreshment, and so is milk or iced tea. Also caucasian, McClure, who opted to stay for the gathering to "see what it was all about," enjoyed the ceremonial aspect of the club.

"I was expecting my Sunday ass to be full of anal plugs but instead the word of our Lord was shoved up there," he said. "I don't know which is more painful to be honest."

The majority of the group sat quietly, twiddling their thumbs and chanting bible verses while McClure sat and watched in the back corner of the room. Pastor Carlisle had perhaps the most outward reaction to the first-year student's misunderstanding.

"I haven't performed an exorcism since Elton John announced he would be going on tour again," said

Carlisle. "I was rusty, but I got the job done."

Surprisingly, this seemingly extreme response did not even phase McClure.

"Are you kidding me? Having spirits forced out of your body by a grown man in a collar embodies BDSM more than BDSM itself!"

Everything you need to know about CWRU's (barely legal) sugar daddy

Sophie Salomon

The day incoming first-year student Steven Larsen turned 18, he signed a lease for a two-bedroom apartment (\$2,395/month) at the newly built One University Circle building near the Case engineering quad. The deluge of first-year students convinced CWRU to grant him a waiver for on-campus housing, allowing this newly minted adult to trade the cockroach-infested shoeboxes the rest of us have to live in for a king-sized bed in a pimping bachelor pad.

Larsen is not afraid to commit though, as he told The Athenian, "I just want to meet a nice woman who likes the expensive things in life and appreciates me for being able to buy them." I tried to explain to him that as college students, a beater car and a mattress pad are enough to set him apart from other guys, and that a 2018 Mercedes Benz is not even a practical car for Cleveland, but to no avail.

For those of you who are wondering how this youthful playboy came into this much dough, I'm filled with regret to inform you the answer: the wunderkind rode last year's Bitcoin bubble to enough wealth to get a weird looking building named after him—and believe me, Babs is already on it. While The Athenian obviously does not endorse gold-digging, Larsen is a solid Case 5, and it's not like that moral high ground is helping pay down your student loans.

Interested parties can recognize Larsen based on his double-parked Benz and the smell of new-money cologne.

Suburban teen attempts to break every law prior to 18th birthday

Kirby Wetherbee

Upon learning that there were actual repercussions for his actions after his 18th birthday, Oregon native Mason Wiley decided to do what many others have only dreamed of. According to Mason's mother, Mason's older brother made a joke to her younger son the day before his 18th birthday that he should take advantage of the fact that he will still be tried as a minor. Unfortunately for his quiet suburb, Mason took those words to heart.

After playing Edward Forty-Hands with two bottles of his mother's wine, Mason took to the streets, leaving a trail of clothes in his wake.

At first, Mason's mother was not worried. "Oh, that's just classic Mason; you set him a challenge

and there is just no stopping him," she told The Athenian with pride. "I was never worried about him, since he can take care of himself. I just wish that he hadn't taken my good pinot noir."

Mason left a trail of destruction behind him as he made his way into downtown Portland. The police report noted more than one hundred 9-1-1 calls over the course of Mason's crime spree, ranging from a benign noise complaint to a furious principal calling the fire department as his school burned to the ground. Perhaps taking inspiration from Fight Club, Mason's crime spree did not stop at the school, as his aspirations for destruction seemingly increased with each crime committed. After an hours-long chase through Portland, Mason finally gave himself

up at 11:59 p.m.

The Athenian was able to secure an interview with the young Mr. Wiley, now held in police custody. Though he was still fuzzy a week after his spree from trying every drug he could get his teenage hands on, Mason was adamant that, given the opportunity, he would do it all again.

"What is the point of living with no repercussions if you don't take advantage of it?" he asked.

After a six-hour crime spree of epic proportions culminating in the collapse of the entire downtown area of Portland, Mason is now awaiting a trial in front of a jury of his peers. Here's to hoping that they don't act their age.

A Meal Fit for a King (of the road)

Alumnus submission by
Lawrence Forbes
(Western Reserve class of 1970)

It seems that the average college student today can no longer afford expensive meals or even fast-food take-out owing to the high rents, excessive car payments, insurance, hospitalization, alimony (where applicable, unfortunately), books, games, greens fees, cable television, commuters, smartphones, CDs and DVDs. I therefore submit, in the interest of those students with empty pockets, one example of a filling and quite inexpensive meal, handed down from an old Depression recipe.

Dinner Menu.

SOUP: Small bottle Ketchup,
add water, stir and heat.

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ENTREE: Graveyard Stew:
1 slice bread, toasted with a bit
of margarine, crumpled in bits.
1/2 can condensed milk poured
over. Salt and pepper to taste.

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Coffee to follow, toothpick optional.

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Feeds 4 if portions are quartered.

I think you'll find the average meal like this, two or three times per week, supplemented by the occasional can of tuna—or dog food, if that's all you can hook from the store—should keep you trim and healthy, and cut your expenses substantially, so that you can then meet the ever-increasing costs of more important things.

It's greater fun if, before eating, you dab a little dirt on your face and wear old clothes. Your chums will love it! Bon Appetit.

Brynn's Guide to Sex for n00bs

You Case students are in desperate need of some solid sex advice, as hookup culture is an integral part of the college experience that's sadly lacking on this campus. Luckily, I'm here to help. I recommend pinning this guide to the ceiling above your bed or writing it in Sharpie on your partner's chest so that you make sure not to skip any steps. Everything always has to start with a warm-up, exactly like a workout. I like to get in the mood by running two laps around the building and doing at least 100 crunches to make sure I'm good and turned on. After you have just a little bit of sweat pooling in all of your body's crevices, you're ready to start making out with your partner.

A good makeout session should take between two and three weeks of strictly-celibate preparation so that both parties will be too thirsty from the escalating sexual tension to think about how gross it is to exchange so much saliva. On a completely unrelated note, did you know that each person you make out with permanently changes the ecosystem of your gut bacteria? Make sure you don't think about that when you're hooking up with someone. Just imagine your partner's spit is rejuvenating rain after a long dry spell. (Doesn't that metaphor get you super wet?) Any worthwhile makeout session consists of over-the-clothes action. The more clothes, the better. I like to wear at least six layers to make the next step more exciting

-- like a Russian nesting doll. You see, eventually awkwardly feeling each other up with clothes on gets to be quite boring.

With it beginning to get hot in the room, you know what to do (take off all your clothes). This should take at least 20 minutes if you prepared adequately by dressing as if you were about to undergo an Arctic expedition. Now begins the foreplay. This can either be decently exciting or disappointing because both people involved know that it won't be as good as sex. My go-to strategy is to think about everything going wrong in my life; thinking of my parent's lack of love and affection for me usually does the trick. Whatever existential crisis you pick, I recommend that you allot 10 -15 minutes for this pre-sex ritual. Finally, it's time for the main event.

A safe position to start in will always be "the virgin," since this is popular among CWRU students, which can last around three or four minutes before the uncomfortable eye contact gets annoying. Once you feel ready, you can switch to the starfish position, which can only be described by Google. (Make sure to use incognito mode.) It's from here that the guy starts to get tired and whiny about doing all the work. In order to shut him up, you throw in a cowgirl position for around five minutes. If you're really feeling spicy, you can end in The Athenian, named after this very magazine (warning: it

does require some flexibility). Usually the guy will finish at minute 14 of sex. He will always ask you if the sex was good for you. A helpful hint would be to reply with yes, but hey, if it wasn't great, you do you (literally). Also, never forget to wear protection when you're slapping bellies!

Here is a brief summary:

The warm up

Laps and crunches. (10 min)

Put on thermal underwear, flannel jackets, and multiple winter coats. (8 min)

Kissing. Tongue optional. Make sure to focus on puns, not gut bacteria. (3 min)

Over the clothes action. (3min)

Time for the real stuff, getting in your birthday suit. Undressing each other. (20 min)

It's getting hot in here

Foreplay, remember to rehearse your mini-breakdown ahead of time. Optional eating of food off of each other to have a sweet treat. (10-15 min)

The real bumping of uglies (don't forget protection!)

The virgin. Obviously. (5 min)

Proceed to starfish. (3 min)

It's at this point the guy starts to get tired.

Cowgirl. (5 min)

The Athenian. (1-60 min)

The guy finishes and asks you if it was good for you

(Just say yes)



Anime becoming a popular form of birth control at CWRU

Sophie Salomon

One of the responsibilities that comes with adulthood is making good choices about your body, in particular with respect to sexual health. It can be overwhelming to consider all the choices for birth control available, from condoms to the pill to IUDs to... actually, those are pretty much the options you'll actually consider. However, just like juuling and memes (see, I'm hip to the times), the kids are also excited about a new way to prevent pregnancy and STDs: watching anime.

First-year student Madison Singh shared her experience with The Athenian. "At first," she said, "it was just a hobby, you know. I watched a couple of the classics like My Neighbor Totoro and Spirited Away and was sure I could stop anytime I wanted. Now, I'm taking Japanese here at CWRU and I'm 582 episodes into One Piece and my roommate thinks I'm depressed because I was bawl-

ing my eyes out for a week straight over Your Lie in April and..." Her explanation went on for a while, but you get the idea.

Determined to get the full picture, The Athenian interviewed dozens more avid anime fans around campus. Third-year student Isaac Rosenberg got straight to the point: "I've been watching anime for the past three years after my roommate freshman year got me into it, and now my dream girlfriend has jet-black hair, magical powers and is literally two-dimensional. There's no way real life can live up to that."

Apparently, even though watching anime started out as—and sometimes still is—a social activity for him, he feels that his tastes have developed to a point where he's not good relationship material. Rosenberg continued, "I mean, I've determined that I'm not into the tentacle

stuff, not that it's a problem if someone is, just not my thing personally, but I have watched some shows that make it hard to look my sister in the eye, if you know what I mean." I deeply regret asking him for clarification.

After hours of hearing about the objective superiority of subbed versus dubbed anime, witnessing a disturbingly high number of my peers getting choked up about their waifus and skeptically nodding at hundreds of excuses about why the diverse paraphernalia featuring scantily clad anime characters is all about appreciation of the story, I'm sold on the idea that anime is an effective form of birth control. So, for those of you who aren't gambling on the world not being around in another nine months anyway, consider adding anime to your sexual health regimen. It's not like Tinder was getting you that much action, anyway.

CONDOMS

- only 98% effective
- costs money
- makes sex feel worse
- boring, overrated

ANIME

- 100% effective
- websites exist where you can watch it for free
- can't have bad sex if you're not having sex
- unique, innovative

The Adult Realization

Jess Chalas

The adult realization. A time in your life when you know, you know, you are not and will never be a kid again. It's unnerving, it's unsettling, it's nauseating. Some of you may have experienced this already, but if you haven't, it's best to be prepared. Here are a few signs and symptoms that you may be transitioning into your adult form.

1. Strangers ask if you're married or if you have kids without seriously questioning your promiscuity.

2. You go to the doctor without first calling your parents about whether you need to see a doctor or "if it'll just pass."

3. You understand references someone at least 50 years older than you is making.

4. You genuinely care about politics, the stock market, healthcare

plans and climate change in a "this directly affects me" kind of way.

5. You can say or hear words like sex, penis, vagina, porn and eggplant without instinctively flinching in embarrassment.

6. You pay your rent using a checkbook.

7. You feel bad about asking your parents for money and you promise to pay them back as soon as you can.

8. You choose to buy fruits and vegetables out of concern for your health.

9. Part of your bimonthly check goes into a retirement fund that you consented to.

10. You can acknowledge that your parents made you without finding it utterly repulsive.

11. A recent receipt includes

either a vacuum cleaner, laundry detergent or towels and you feel immense excitement when you use your purchase for the first time.

12. Your first thought after you've bought your new car is how much it's going to cost you monthly in gas and loan repayments.

13. Your collection of teeth-cleaning accessories is more extensive than your makeup or comic book collection.

14. Getting a tattoo or piercing no longer incites fear of parental disappointment.

15. When you tell your friends you're getting married, they don't assume it's because you're pregnant.

16. You have used the phrase "when I was a kid," "when I was your age," or "when I was younger" on more than one occasion.

HOW TO GET SWIPES ON TINDER: A FOOLPROOF GUIDE

Jess Chalas

Step 1: Take three to four pictures of yourself in relatable situations (e.g. with an animal, in comfy clothes, in the outdoors laughing at a distance object, drinking a warm beverage contained in a humorous mug). One picture must include at least two uglier friends beside you. Be sure to add a filter that over-exposes and evens out your skin tone. One black-and-white photo recommended, but not required.

Step 2: Describe yourself using only vague, minimally descriptive language like "loves to have fun"

or "always down for a good time."

Step 3: Your hobbies must include reading, taking walks, exercising, listening to music and hanging out with friends, along with one to two unique interests that assume social interaction. Do not include hobbies associated with introverted personality types, such as item collecting or watching Youtube videos.

Step 4: When describing your profession, be sure to embellish and overstate the importance of

your role, particularly if you are employed in a minimum wage job with no educational requirements. For instance, if you work at a fast food restaurant, use the job title of "customer-service associate at an international cuisine corporation."

Step 5: If all else fails, append a screenshot of a fake discount deal for a popular item people in your target demographic often purchase. Make sure the advertisement specifies that the only way to claim the discount is by swiping right.

The Athenian's Universal Rites of Passage

Literally anyone

College is a time of self-exploration and discovery for a lot of people, and while everyone's journey is different, here's a list of a few things that everyone can relate to.

- First date, you're back home by 9:30 p.m.
- First kiss, unimpressive
- First day of CWRU, unimpressive
- First college party, unimpressive
- First encounter with alcohol
- First bad grade on an exam
- First time reading the Athenian, very impressive
- First serious relationship, you're definitely settling
- First "time," it doesn't go very well
- First lesbian kiss, you weren't as drunk as you say you were
- First time masturbating to Orange is the New Black
- First time breaking up with your boyfriend because you are unsure about your sexuality
- First real date with a woman

- First time rejecting a guy by saying you're a lesbian
- First time unironically wearing a men's flannel shirt
- First time reading Sapphos and getting really mad that more of her work wasn't preserved
- First time having sex with a woman
- First time hooking up with a guy with a basis for comparison
- First pregnancy scare
- First time being happy when your period arrives
- Last time hooking up with a guy
- First time putting a rainbow pin on your backpack
- First time reading Alison Bechdel's "Dykes to Watch Out For"
- First time realizing that boxers are super comfortable to wear around the house
- First lesbian relationship
- First time riding a motorcycle
- First tattoo (left ankle, obscure sci-fi reference in case you're wondering)

- First time chopping off all your hair because someone called you a lipstick lesbian
- First time coming out to your parents
- First time going to a lesbian bar
- First time introducing your girlfriend to your conservative grandparents
- First time graduating college
- First high school reunion, come out to your high school friends who aren't all that surprised
- First time proposing to a woman
- First time moving in with your fiancée
- First time getting married to a woman
- First time getting divorced
- Second time proposing to a woman
- Second time getting married to a woman
- First time starting a family with your wife
- First time living happily ever after

18 Year old adopts child as emotional support animal

Ken Bang

A loud wailing noise rang throughout the first floor of The Village House 4 and, while that's not an abnormal occurrence, it was much higher-pitched than the normal screech of a CWRU EMS vehicle driving by. The noise was very persistent, with intermittent even louder intervals. The original consensus among those in the common room was that it was a result of a mental breakdown in a nearby study room.

Upon further investigation, however, it was revealed that the university, trying not to limit what can be considered to provide "emotional support," recently approved a female junior's request for an emo-

tional support animal, specifically an eight month old baby. CWRU permitted the adoption in order to avoid a legal battle based on the argument that "humans are technically animals." "She presented all of her needed documentation, including a note from her physician diagnosing her anxiety and reason for need of the 'animal' in the dorm," a representative said. "Our motto is Think Beyond The Possible and well, while not ideal, that's exactly what she did."

The student's parents were fully supportive of her decision, as they feared denying her wish for a baby would result in her "making one her-

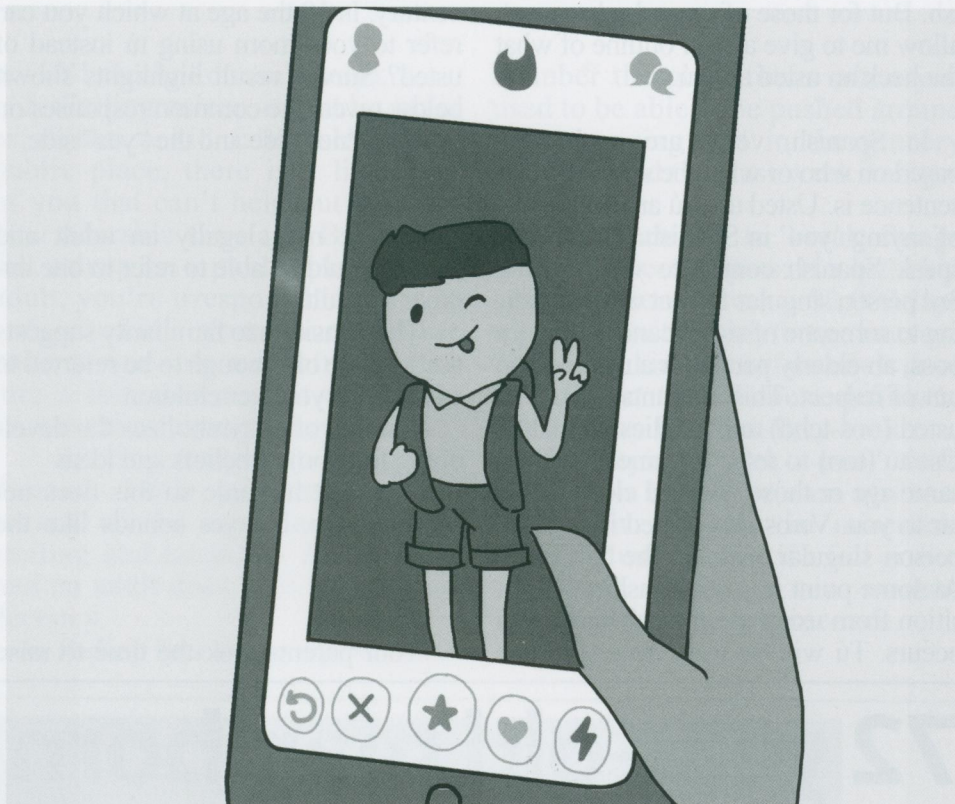
self," which would be much more disruptive of her studies. When asked what she would do when the baby grew up to be, well, not a baby, she told an Athenian representative that she planned on simply "replacing it." "The hardest part," she continued, "is changing its diaper outside. It's super inconvenient in the cold, but by university policy I am unable to dispose of the waste indoors." We reached her roommates for comment, expecting them to be fairly upset, but they gushed, "We could not be more excited. We all love babies and, well, don't tell our boyfriends, but now we have some serious baby fever."

CWRU Pickup Lines

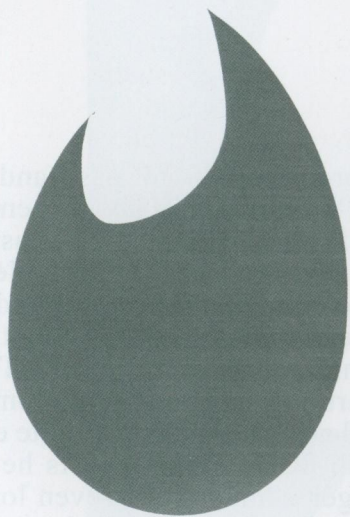
Rhiannon Reese and
Sophia Yakumithis

At Case Western Reserve University, it's common to feel like your peers all have better Tinder game than you, since everyone here has been screened for higher social skills in order to gain admittance. And because so many Case students use Tinder, you know the chances of finding a quality significant other who is super smooth, funny, and attractive. So in the case that you feel like your conversation-starting needs a little boost, we're here to help.

People absolutely love it when you start off the conversation with overtly sexual comments. The grosser they are, the more likely you will get a response applauding your intellect and wit. Here are just a few tried and true* ways to get complimented and laid!



- Are you a wepa? Because you're always willing to go down on me.
 - Are you my lab report? Because I'll do you on my bed all night long.
 - Are you a MechE? Because I'm feeling some dynamics between us.
 - You look more appetizing than free Mitchell's on a hot summer day.
 - I'd Bibibop my way all over your body.
 - On a scale from 0 to 16, you look better than the Browns did last year.
 - I'd love to Tapingo your booty.
 - Do you take meal swipes?
 - I want to fill you up like Strosacker during Bio 214 lectures.
 - If registering for your love started at 7 a.m. on a Monday, I'd set my alarm for 6.
 - You make me harder than it is to get a Safe Ride on a Friday night.
 - I must be thinking beyond the possible because there's no way someone could be as beautiful as you are.
 - I'm only graduating with 119 credit hours because you took my breadth away.
 - To get this package, you don't even need a Luxer code.
 - CWR-U free 2night?
 - I don't even need think[box] to imagine what loving you would be like.
 - This D is more than III.
- *None of these have been tried.



Transitioning from the formal Usted to the informal Tú

Erin Hartmann

Forward: Yes, this article will mainly make sense to those of you who have taken some form of elementary Spanish. But for those of you who have not, allow me to give a brief outline of what the heck an usted and tú are:

In Spanish, verbs are conjugated based on who or what the subject of the sentence is. Usted and tú are both ways of saying 'you' in Spanish. Those who speak Spanish conjugate verbs in the 3rd person singular format when speaking to someone of significance such as a boss, an elderly person or a new person out of respect. This warrants the use of usted (oos-tehd) and implies formality. Use tú (too) to refer to someone of the same age or those who are close/familiar to you. Verbs conjugated in the 2nd person singular will use the 'tú' form. At some point in a relationship, a transition from using the formal usted to tú occurs. Tú will be used instead of the

formal usted from then on.

This leads us to the question of the century. Is 18 the age at which you can refer to your mom using tú instead of usted? Survey result highlights shown below reveal the common responses on both the "no" side and the "yes" side.

Yes:

-You're now legally an adult and adults should be able to refer to one another as adults

-The transition to familiarity suggests that you are old enough to be referred to as usted by younger children

-The use of tú symbolizes the developing freedom of beliefs and ideas

-I am not hispanic so this does not apply to me, but yes sounds like the right answer

No:

-Your parents took the time to raise

and care for you, so you should always view them as godly figures

-I'm in denial that I am now an adult, so I will continue to use usted

-My parents are scary and if I don't use usted they could kick me out of the house early

-You have been using usted for so long that when you attempt to change pronouns your parents do not respond

-Your parents refuse to respond to the informal tú so you must continue to use usted

According to this survey of 500 undergraduate CWRU students that have taken at least two years of Spanish, 18 is indeed the age at which you can transition to using tú when speaking with your parents. However, this may be a biased answer as a result of our liberal and progressive tendencies here at CWRU, so a nationwide Twitter poll will be needed to draw a conclusion once and for all.

72 year-old man born on Leap Day excited to finally celebrate his 18th birthday

Elizabeth Ye

On a bright February day, the spirits of one elderly man were particularly high. William Russell of Tampa, Florida has been alive for 72 years, but is finally having his 18th birthday. Since he was born on February 29th, this milestone was delayed quite a few years and he is thrilled to finally do all the "adult" things in society completely legally.

During an interview on the evening of his birthday, Russell revealed various fresh tattoos (though

apparently there were even more whose locations he would not disclose). "No regrets," Russell exclaimed, "I've had a longer time than most to plan them out." He is also very eager to try tobacco and buy fireworks. And, now that he is able to work full time, he can make some money to spend on all these exciting new prospects. "Maybe this birthday luck will help me win the lotto," he added.

He is also psyched to participate in his civic duty. "I had to watch

nine presidencies go past and I couldn't do anything about them." Russell seemed very enthusiastic about the next presidential election, adding "I think Trump is doing great things for this country, and I hope he gets reelected." The best part, however, has yet to come: Russell admitted that he is quite ecstatic to finally have sex. As he is no longer a minor after seven long decades, he can finally get it on legally. "I've heard good things and I can't wait to have kids," he stated seriously.

Things that were cute as a kid but aren't anymore

Aleah Hixenbaugh

1. Talking in baby talk: Let's face it, once you are past the age of six, baby talk isn't cute anymore--especially when you are talking to a significant other.

2. Wearing Ponytails: If you're over the age of 12, don't even try this hairstyle.

3. Pulling someone's hair: Pulling anyone's hair hurts like a bitch and if an adult does it to you, they are a real asshole.

4. Being bad at dancing: As a kid you could get away with pretty much anything, including being an awful dancer because everyone would just think you were adorable. As an adult you look like a complete idiot if you're a bad dancer (FYI alcohol doesn't help).

5. Falling asleep in public places: When a kid falls asleep in a public place, there is a little part of you that can't help but smile at how adorable they are. But if you fall asleep in a public place as an adult, you're irresponsible.

6. Sucking your thumb: Cute habit turned into a nightmare. Picture a full grown adult constantly sucking their thumb, very weird.

7. Getting away with being half dressed: Little toddlers can run around all the time nearly naked, smiling and laughing, but the second an adult does it, it's public indecency.

8. Riding in a shopping cart: Remember the good times when you used to be able to be pushed around in a shopping cart in the grocery store? I tried that last week and got yelled at.

9. The ability to break things with no repercussions: If a little kid spills coffee all over a \$2,000 laptop you can't do anything, because "it's just a kid." But if an adult does it at work, they'll most definitely have to pay for what they broke.

10. Playing "peek-a-boo" with the person behind you on a plane: Being on a plane is miserable enough. Just imagine if a full grown adult was making a new random face at you every few seconds.



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Constantino's Introduces New Internship Program

Erin Hartmann

In order to tighten ties with CWRU students, Constantino's Market recently announced (via in-store flyers) an internship opportunity that will give students an inside look at how to run a retail business. The internship is open to all students not on a pre-health track, with the manager emphasizing the need for students who would "enjoy the experience" and not just take it on to pad their resume. While it is an unpaid position, compensation will be provided in the form of first pick of the damaged goods (you know, the smushed boxes and bruised fruits they cannot put on display for customers). As a 10-week intensive, the supervisors will lead three selected students through five aspects of the job. Starting with shipment unloading, students will also learn the ins and outs of stocking, packaging, label-making (along with how to jack up product prices) and cashier duties in a two week rotation per position. The flyer presents the following as descriptions and requirements for each position.

Unloading: When the trucks roll up, you will roll out to help unload boxes

of products from the back and haul them inside to storage. Interns must be able to lift at least 40 pounds and have a high heat tolerance. Tennis shoes are required.

Stocking: You are expected to be able to work after-hours to stock shelves with fresh-looking produce, push near-expiration products forward, prep the salad bar and ensure the number of Pop-Tarts boxes on the shelf is always 46 (people often steal them). Interns must be at least 5-foot-8 to reach the top shelves.

Packaging: The "A-La-Carte" chefs will take you under their wing for this rotation and show you how to package the freshly made products. From fried chicken to birthday cakes to subpar candies, you will learn how all of our house-made products go from oven to shelf on a daily basis. You must demonstrate good gift-wrapping skills to be considered.

Label-making: This is the most mentally demanding of the jobs. The labels must indicate sale (or regular) price, price per ounce and have no misspellings. Searching the store for the corre-

sponding product can be a difficult feat. The ability to win a 5th grade spelling bee and a good memory are required.

Cashier duties: The number one priority here is to know how to address a customer in a way such that they be sure if you are rude, tired or just a plain dud. After all, you want to learn how to blend in with the employees there. Other than that, it's just bagging groceries and pressing buttons on the register. Poker face experience required.

In a question and answer session with the current manager about the positions, sophomore Flynn Flanagan asked what the difference between the internship and free labor was, which flustered the manager who stammered, "Well Flynn, the internship provides you a greater sense of academic achievement compared to just being treated as an employee. Excuse me, I have to take this phone-call."

Interested students should fill out a job application at Constantino's and indicate sole interest in the internship--and not in fact a job--at the required interview.

Dick's holding company washes hands of the matter

Sophia Yakumithis

After 15 years of leading the company, the CEO of Dick's Sporting Goods announced his resignation, leaving the company's future uncertain. Key holding company Fist Enterprises decided to let go of its holdings with Dick's shortly after the press release.

CEO Shaft Manhood said that 2018 was "a hard year" for Dick's, blaming clients' zero-based budgeting, limp investors and unprotected equity. However, Manhood's decision was announced just three weeks after he was caught snorting Pixie Sticks outside an LA Strip Club.

"That man had such fluid command over Dick's," said Richard "Curly" Pu-

bes, a senior partner with Fist Enterprises. "To see him go is really a shame, and our group wants no affiliation with the company should Manhood be absent."

Fist Enterprises is a bulge bracket bank which has holdings in companies ranging from penny stocks, like the car service Camel Towing, to larger corporations including Hooter's. Pubes is known for his robust leadership style, a quality of Manhood's which he admires.

"We had to pull out because without Manhood, there's no point in engaging," he said. "This man's like a freakin' brother to me."

The situation confused many in the

business community, Manhood included. Holding companies typically drop in the most extreme of circumstances, not when a CEO steps down.

"Just because I'm on a downward spiral doesn't mean my company is," he said. "I stepped down so that people would want to invest in Dick's, not so they would let go of it. It isn't like Dick's is just dangling there; it has plenty of support from the rest of our executive leadership."

Manhood hopes to regroup and recover from his Pixie Stick addiction, coming out stronger than ever. He plans to gain a position in the Trump Administration's cabinet.

